

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A central server that facilitates and tracks shipping transactions, such as transactions in which a sending party or source organization wishes to have a shipment of goods transported to a delivery site or destination organization using a carrier. The source party wishing to ship goods may initiate a transaction. The various documents which need to be created in a shipping transaction (e.g., a bill of lading ("BOL") or proof of delivery ("POD") document) may be created and stored at the central server, which allows one or more of the parties to the transaction to view the documents as the status of the transaction changes. The vehicle transporting the shipment may be tracked by, for example, a global positioning system ("GPS") system, and the location of the vehicle, before or after picking up the goods, may be tracked by one or more of the parties.

